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Letter to the Editor

June 12, 1975

The Honorable H. B. Pack
Mayor
Town of Appomattox
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Honorable Pack:

The Board of Directors of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce met on Wed., June 11, 1975. It has been called to our attention by several merchants in the downtown area that the public parking lot on main street was not being used to the best advantage as employees were using this lot rather than leaving it for use by customers of downtown merchants. The Chamber went on record as supporting the use of this parking lot for customer use only. Also on this date, I informed Mr. W. S. Slagle, Town Manager, as to the feeling of the Chamber of Commerce. At this time, Mr. Slagle informed me that action had been taken in regard to this matter and that all downtown parking had been limited to two hours, effective at once.

I would like for you to know that the Chamber of Commerce is very much interested in our community and wishes to assist our merchants in every way possible. We support the action of the Town Council entirely. Thank you for this opportunity to share our opinion with you.

Cordially yours,
Thomas L. Matthews
President

CC: Mr. W. S. Slagle
Times-Virginian

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Appomattox County Jaycees I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the many people who contributed so much to our recent First Annual Bluegrass Festival. I would like to thank Clayton C. Bryant for the donation of Paradise Lake property for the Festival. Without his generous donation the Festival would not have been possible. Also, I would like to thank Clarence White and Harry Pearson of Pearson & White Construction Co. for their donations of materials and equipment; Amelia Dress Co. for their donation of material; Ranson Construction Co., Inc., of Spout Spring for donation of material; James Smith for his donation of time and material for electrical works; James Ford and Henry Barger for their donation of farm equipment; H. H. Moore, Jr. Trucking Co. for donation of a trailer; Evans and Howard Trucking Co. for donation of a trailer; **Times-Virginian** for advertising, and many others. I am sure that I have left out someone, but it is not intentional. We do appreciate everything that everyone did to help us have a successful project.

Next, I would like to express our appreciation to the Virginia State Police and the Appomattox County Sheriff's Dept. for the outstanding work they did prior to, during and after the Festival. To our knowledge, these gentlemen encountered no problems but were quite capable of handling any that might have occurred.

Next, I would like to thank Henry Fulcher of WFLO radio for the outstanding job he did as Master of Ceremonies for the Festival. I personally believe his presence was half of the show.

Next, I would like to thank the Appomattox Rescue Squad, Concord Rescue Squad and the Concord Volunteer Fire Dept. for being present at the Festival site for the weekend.

And last, but not least, I would like to thank the Jaycees wives who helped so much with the project. Their work in painting signs, phone calls, selling concessions and just their understanding throughout this project were quite helpful.

Again, thanks to all who had a part.

Sincerely, Danny Simpson,
Chairman, Bluegrass Festival
Appomattox County Jaycees

Receives Promotion

Marine Lance Corporal Jamie R. Bates, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Doyen of Route 2, Appomattox, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

A 1974 graduate of Appomattox County High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1974.

Enters Air Force

Richard Edwin Fore, III enlisted into the United States Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on June 10, 1975. His scheduled shipping date is September 10. He will be entering to receive technical training in the Administrative Career Field. Richard is a 74 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Fore, Jr. of Rt. 1, Box 9, Pamplin, Va.

The Pastor Speaks

"A MAN WITH A FIXED HEART"

Psalms 112:7 " . . . his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

In this complete Psalm, we find several attributes of a man with a fixed heart. It should be our desire as Christians to have a fixed heart so as to trust the Lord. Let us purpose in our hearts to strive to be like the Psalmist puts it in the 112th Psalm. These attributes are as follows:

1. He fears the Lord.
2. He loves the word of God.
3. He has a Christian home.
4. He helps others.
5. He is hated.
6. His God knows best and will conquer.
7. His God loved him.

A man after God's own heart is one who will try diligently to please God in every way he possibly can. The apostle Paul says "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." As we walk daily for Christ we should live for Him for we know not what the future holds; yet, we know who holds the future. In closing, can you sing this song with me and mean it?

Everything's all right in my
Father's house,
In my Father's house,
Come and go with me to my
Father's house,
To my Father's house,
Where there is joy, joy, joy.

Pastor Ben Nicks
Appomattox Baptist Temple
P. O. Box 361
Appomattox, Va. 24522

Beckham

JUNE 17 - Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mrs. Jimmy Gulli spent the week end with Mr. H. O. Martin visiting in this home on Sunday for picnic lunch were Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin, Mrs. Nellie Steppe. Mr. Buck Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Gardner, Mr. Irene and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Moore and Rhonda Kay.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., Kim Maxwell, Mrs. M. G. Martin and Miss Kathy Martin, Mr. Wayne Moore, Mr. Neb Moore, Mrs. Larry Yeatts and Gary Yeatts, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moore, Debbie and Gwen. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reynolds,Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Gertrude Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Moore and Mr. Russell Martin.

Mrs. H. C. Moore accompanied by Miss Mary Ann Wheeler joined a group for a trip to Williamsburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Melanie and Mrs. S. G. Martin Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stallings and Wendy visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and girls Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Parsons and family Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Parsons returned home Sunday from Lynchburg General Hospital where she recently underwent surgery.

Trinity Church is having the Vacation Bible School with good attendance this week.

Miss Carolyn Jo Morris spent several days at Virginia Beach last week.

Chestnut Grove

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church held services on Sun., June 15. The Rev. K. W. Davis brought the message, "God, the Father, The Almighty," which was enjoyed by everyone. Those on the sick list are Sister Helen Morgan, Sister Alice Cardwell, Brother Hobert Daniel, Brother Otha Eames. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon with the Rev. McLean conducting the service.

MIGHTY FOUR 4-H CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Mighty Four 4-H Club was held June 12 at 7 p.m. Laurie McLean, president, called the meeting to order. Sharon Guill, Treasurer, reported we had $96.61 in the bank. After we collected money for "4-H Ain't All Cows and Cooking" pens and patches she stated we had $127.11. A bake sale and car wash is planned for June 24, at the Triangle Plaza. All members are asked to bring something. We have planned a trip to the Peaks of Otter June 28. Mr. Sweet passed out certificates for being in the Dog Show. Mr. Sweet also talked to us about achievement records. He showed us some records, too. The meeting was adjourned. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Pam Guill, Reporter

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

June 22, 1975

Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, June 22, 1975.
Topic: The Value of the Bible
Scripture: Psalms 19: 7-14; 119: 9-11, 105, 130; Matthew 4:1-11

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4.

The value of the Bible has been attested by an innumerable multitude over many centuries. The Scripture passages which provide the background for this week's International Sunday School lesson testify to the Bible's usefulness, even before the canon as we have it had been put together in its entirety. What had already been written became instruction, inspiration, and guide. The Psalms express the value the devout of ancient Israel put upon the Scriptures which they had. Matthew's account of the temptation of Jesus shows the use which He made of the Scriptures which He had in the days of His flesh.

In his remarkable study, "On the Causes of the Diversity of Complexion and Figure in the Human Species," Samuel Stanhope Smith, first president of Hampden-Sydney College, declared that a benevolent Creator instructed the first human creatures in the arts and skills necessary to take care of themselves and provide for their needs. Dr. Smith had particular reference to human physical needs, but his observation embraced needs other than physical. No doubt he reached his conclusion from the Bible, for God has given humanity the Bible to provide instruction and guidance in broader aspects of living than the physical.

Paul gave this interpretation when he wrote that the Scriptures were written for our instruction, to give us the hope which is essential to living. Moses interpreted God's gift of manna to the people of Israel as instruction in an essential fact of life, "that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Deuteronomy 8:3). Thus God taught that man does not satisfy all his needs when he satisfies the physical or material needs. Jesus reiterated this interpretation when He used this passage of Scripture to resist the temptation to put gratification of his spiritual and material needs first. In overcoming each of the temptations, representative of those every human being experiences, Jesus showed how Scripture may be used effectively and beneficially in such experiences.

Herein lies the value of the Bible. The scope of its usefulness is broad. The Bible shows the individual how he may know God and God's will and purpose for him; it shows him, too, how he should live with his fellow man. It abounds in instruction for meeting personal situations. Lord Roberts, as distinguished as a Christian as he was a military man, wrote of the Bible to his soldiers: "You will find in this small book guidance when you are in health, comfort when you are in sickness, and strength when you are in adversity." It is helpful in every circumstance of life. To the lonely it brings companionship, to the sorrowing comfort and hope, to the wandering it points the way home, to the sinful it offers forgiveness, to the desolate it brings assurance of love, to the prosperous and flourishing it gives true perspective.

The Bible has value not only for individuals, but for society as well. The many and great humanitarian efforts have their rooting in the Bible, although today many have secular support and sponsorship. The inspiration which instituted hospitals of every sort, homes for homeless children and lonely aged, organizations for the relief of suffering and poverty, agencies for human betterment came from the Scriptures. The Bible is the cornerstone of Western civilization, with all its enriching and enobling influences. It is the foundation of Western education, for it provided the stimulus for establishing the universities from which our modern educational systems have come. Moreover, through its teachings which promote industry, thrift, and integrity, it is the basis of the material prosperity which the Western world enjoys. It is the foundation on which democratic governments have been built, for from it, more than from any other source, we have gotten the concept of the dignity and worth of every individual. It is the spring from which man draws the freedoms he cherishes so much, the guarantees which protect him from oppression. The teachings of the Bible provide the salt which seasons and preserves human society.

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REVIVAL SERVICE

An inspiring revival came to a close at the First Baptist Church Friday night, June 13. The morning service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. K. W. Davis. Music was rendered by the Senior Choir. Mrs. H. P. James is pianist. All present enjoyed the sermon. At the close of the service dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

Rev. Beamer, pastor of New Life Baptist Church, Bedford, and his choir conducted the 3 p.m. service. Rev. Beamer was the evangelist for the week. Miss Rita Beamer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Beamer was the soloist for the week. Everone went home feeling that they gained great help. We were happy to have visitors worship with us in our revival.

Regular preaching services will be held this Sunday at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Mr. Charles Hurt, of Baltimore, Md., the newphew of Mrs. Hamlet and Mr. McKinney Johnson, of Washington, D.C., visited Mrs. Hamlet over the weekend. They enjoyed their stay while in Virginia.

Mrs. Dorothy Carter, of Bramwell, W. Va., spent a week here visiting her brothers and nieces,Mr. Willie Wright and daughters. She also visited some of her friends. Mrs. Merritteee Harris and Mr. James Drapers, of Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Charles, III, and Rena, of Hampton, spent Sunday and Monday visiting their uncle and cousin, Mr. Willie Wright and daughters and the aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Carter. They all enjoyed themselves very much. Mrs. Dorothy Carter, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Drapers and Rena, all returned home Monday.

On July 13 at 5 p.m. there will be a choir festival sponsored by Mrs. Louise Watson. All churches are invited to come and take part in this service.

A father-son banquet was held recently at Rocks Baptist Church in honor of the Father's Day. Shown above is a group of fathers and their sons enjoying a delicious church fellowship hall.

Honored at the father-son banquet held recently at Rocks Baptist Church were, left, oldest father, Mr. W. R. Moore; Rev. W. H. Elder, four children; Mr. Tom Atkins, four; Jimmy Ranson, youngest father; Mr. Robert Vaughn, four children; and Mr. Andre children.

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ATTENDED FHA CONVENTION

girls shown above have been attending the State of the Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of ge 17-19 at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke. ding, left to right, are Mrs. Madeline Thomas, ce Franklin, a voting Delegate; Teresa Cyrus, a m the Campbell-Appomattox Federation; and a voting delegate. Debbie Morrell, a chapter ended but was not available for photo.

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Lemon visited . C. R. Banton noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanenkrat, of Richmond, visited Mrs. M. L. Covington Sunday.

Friends and relatives are so glad to hear Mrs. Lena Hanenkrat who was a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital for several weeks returned to the Wooldridge Nursing Home Sunday. We hope this fine lady may soon be well.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith visited Mrs. Lillian Coleman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence had all their children and grandchildren with them for Father's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Miss Janet Webb and Miss Odell Webb spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Morris at the Holly Manor Nursing Home in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry and Mrs. Ioan Mayberry, of Newport News, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family. Mrs. Ioan Mayberry is visiting in this home for awhile.

Mr. Kenneth Wingfield, of Roanoke, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family.

Calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby last week were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner. Those calling in this home Sunday were the W. H. Wingfields, the Bill Watsons, Delorous Deaner and Kenneth Wingfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield spent a few days last week at their home in Appomattox. They were dinner guest of the Kenneth Deaner's Wednesday and dinner guest Thursday night of the W. H. Wingfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family visited in the homes Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gleen Cumbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and family and Mr. Ben Maxwell were guests Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith.

Visiting Mrs. C. R. Banton Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom, Mrs. Joe Goin, Miss Peggy Goin and Mr. Howard Smith.

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